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THIS IS A REPEAT MESSAGE;
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FM AMCONSUL SONGKHLA
TO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK 0725

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SUBJ: SONGKHLA REFUGEE CAMP STATISTICS FOR MAY, 1978

REF: SONGKHLA 0204

1. REFUGEES IN CAMP AS OF JUNE 1	1090
2. REFUGEES IN CAMP AS OF MAY 1	1100
3. NET DECREASE	10
4. ARRIVALS	370
5. DEPARTURES	380

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A. DESTINED FOR THE U.S.	228
B. DESTINED FOR AUSTRALIA	48
C. DESTINED FOR FRANCE	35
D. SNUCK OUT OF THE CAMP	69

6. COMMENTS

A. THE NUMBER OF ARRIVALS WAS THE SECOND HIGHEST THIS YEAR, WHILE THE NUMBER OF DEPARTURES WAS THE HIGHEST THIS YEAR. THE NUMBER OF DEPARTURES FOR THE U.S. WAS ALSO THE HIGHEST THIS YEAR. ONE MUST REMEMBER, HOWEVER, THAT ONLY 61 REFUGEES LEFT THE CAMP DESTINED FOR THE U.S. DURING THE PREVIOUS TWO MONTHS. IN APRIL THIS WAS DUE TO THE FACT THAT ICEM WAS SLOW IN SENDING THE MEDICAL EXAMINATION TEAM TO SONGKHLA.

B. NET DECREASE OF ONLY 10 INDICATES THAT IN MAY DEPARTURES BARELY KEPT UP WITH NEW ARRIVALS. WHAT MUST BE KEPT IN MIND IS THAT THERE WERE 408 MORE REFUGEES IN CAMP ON JUNE 1 THAN ON JANUARY 1. THE PACE OF DEPARTURES MUST BE INCREASED IF WE ARE TO MAKE AN APPRECIABLE DENT IN THE NUMBER OF REFUGEES IN CAMP.

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